One time road tax payment system

1840. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have urged the Central Government to speedily implement one time road tax payment system acceptable at the time of registration of vehicles;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government thereto;

(c) whether keeping in view the burden of work with the District Transport Offices, Government propose to immediately implement the system; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d). Motor vehicular taxes is a State subject. On recommendation of the Transport Development Council made in its meetings, the Central Government had advised the State Governments for introduction of one-time taxation on personalized vehicles. This measure is intended to reduce the volume of work in the Transport Offices as well as to add to the convenience of the vehicle owners. In its last meeting held on 8th September, 1987, the Trasport Development Council has again urged the States/Union Territories to introduce one-time taxation on personalized vehicles by 1-4-1988.

Planning by railways to meet goods traffic in 2000 AD.

1841. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the railways which have planned for an increase in goods traffic by 4.14 per cent upto the year 2000 A.D. are expected to fall short of the demand by at least 100 million tonnes in terms of originating freight; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the railways to reach the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Agitation for revised pay scale by the ph.D. researchers in AIIMS

1842. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that researchers at the Ph.D. level in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi, have decided to intensify their agitation to press for revised pay scales comparable to those of resident doctors; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to meet the genuine demands of the scientists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The question of enhancement of emoluments payable to the Ph.D. students of AIIMS is under consideration.

Loss suffered by railways due to damage to tracks

1843. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the extent of loss suffered by Indian Railways due to damage caused to railway tracks by recent floods in various parts of the country; and

(b) what is the loss suffered by Indian Railways due to loss of passenger and goods traffic on account of recent floods in various parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Rs. 18.20 crores (approximately).

(b) Rs. 29.65 crores (approximately).